

The following Listing of the Claims will replace all prior versions and all prior listings of the claims in the present application:

Listing of The Claims:

1 56. (Previously Presented) An antibody which binds to a polypeptide comprising amino acid residues 185 to 215 of SEQ ID NO: 6.

2 57. (Currently Amended) An antibody which binds to a polypeptide consisting of amino acid residues ~~185 to 215 of SEQ ID NO: 6~~ SEQ ID NO:13.

3 58. (Previously Presented) An antibody which binds to a polypeptide encoded by a nucleic acid comprising residues 792 to 884 of SEQ ID NO: 3, wherein said polypeptide has the same reading frame as the sequence of SEQ ID NO: 6.

4 59. (Previously Presented) An antibody which binds to a polypeptide encoded by a nucleic acid consisting of residues 792 to 884 of SEQ ID NO: 3, wherein said polypeptide has the same reading frame as the sequence of SEQ ID NO: 6.

5 60. (Previously Presented) The antibody of claim ~~56, 57, 58 or 59~~, wherein said antibody is a monoclonal antibody.

61. (Canceled) An antibody which binds to a polypeptide comprising at least four contiguous amino acid residues of the sequence of residues 185 to 215 of SEQ ID NO: 6.

62. (Canceled) An antibody which binds to a polypeptide consisting at least four contiguous amino acid residues of the sequence of residues 185 to 215 of SEQ ID NO: 6.

63. (Canceled) An antibody which binds to a polypeptide encoded by at least 12 contiguous nucleic acid residues of a sequence comprising residues 792 to 884 of SEQ ID NO: 3, wherein said polypeptide has the same reading frame as the sequence of SEQ ID NO: 6.

64. (Canceled) An antibody which binds to a polypeptide encoded by at least 12 contiguous nucleic acid residues of the sequence consisting of residues 792 to 884 of SEQ ID NO: 3, wherein said polypeptide has the same reading frame as the sequence of SEQ ID NO: 6.

65. (Canceled) The antibody of claim 61, 62, 63 or 64, wherein said antibody is a monoclonal antibody.